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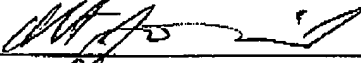
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This paper is in timely response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006.

Please enter the following election and claim amendments.

**Election of Species** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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### ELECTION OF CLAIMS

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, *i.e.*, Claims 9-10, 22 and 33-35, drawn to a recombinant nucleic acid comprising a platelet-specific promoter, a platelet transformed, transduced, infected or transfected thereby, and its therapeutic use. Applicants understand that the election of Group I includes, in part, generic or "linking" claims 1-8, 19-21, and 23-32.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the following species:

- megakaryotic/erythrocyte progenitor cells in claim 3;
- megakaryocytes in claim 4;
- neutrophils in claim 5;
- dendritic cells in claim 7;
- platelet factor 4 promoter in claim 10;
- DEFA1 human neutrophil alpha defensin promoter in claim 12;
- human eotaxin gene promoter in claim 16;
- megakaryocytes in claim 21; and
- u-PA in claim 34.